

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has made a restriction requirement to the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1 - 3, which are drawn to a method of determining the concentration of non-LDL cholesterol in a whole blood sample; the claim of Group II, i.e. claim 4, which is drawn to a first test strip for determining the concentration of LDL cholesterol in a whole blood sample; or the claims of Group III, i.e., claims 5- 7 which are drawn to a second test strip for determining the concentration of non-LDL cholesterol in a whole blood sample. Applicants have elected to cancel claims 1 - 7, and elect new claims 8 - 14 added herein.

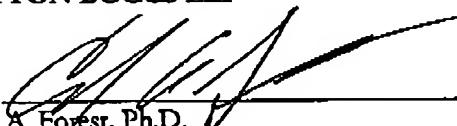
In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1848, under Order No. 023134.0107PTUS from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,  
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